



The New Community Pharmacy Contract (PhS)

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Aim of Presentation

- Brief overview of the Community Pharmacy NHS Contract (PhS)



Present Contract

- NHS Dispensing Contract
- Essentially a “supply” only contract



New Contract...why?

- Present contractual system is out dated
- Does not reflect the NHS Plan
- A new contract was promised in
"Pharmacy in the Future" DoH 2000

Who's negotiating

- DH
- NHS Confederation
- Pharmaceutical Services Negotiating Committee (PSNC)





So what do Community Pharmacists think...

- 1st Ballot Nov 2003 – Structure of PhS
68% of contractors participated
95% voted in favour
- 2nd Ballot Spring 2004 ?



Current V's New

Current

- Emphasises workload & throughput of scripts
- Treats all pharmacies the same
- Success is measured by dispensing volumes
- Reducing unnecessary dispensing is not encouraged

New

- Better use of Pharmacists skills
- Rewards high quality services
- Promotes value for money
- Minimises bureaucracy and reflects the NHS Plan



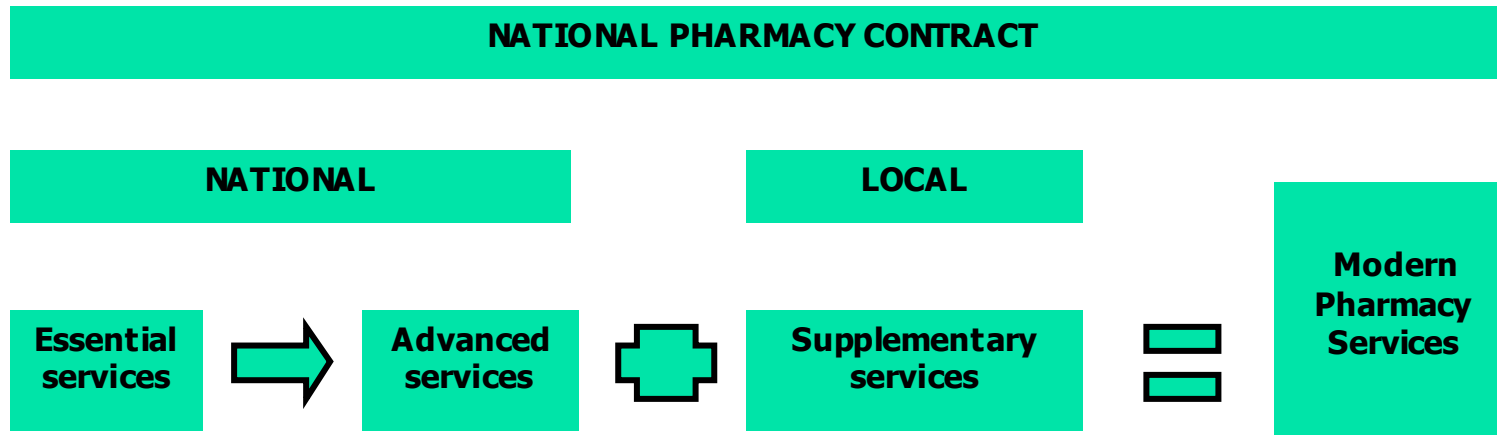
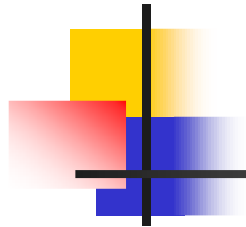
Timescales

- Original launch planned April 2004
- October 2004
- 2005?



PhS

Categories of Service





Essential PhS Services

EXAMPLES

- Dispensing
- Repeat dispensing
- Disposal of medications
- Public Health role
- Sign posting patients
- Clinical Governance



Advanced PhS Service

EXAMPLES

- Medicine Use Review/Concordance Reviews
- Prescription Interventions

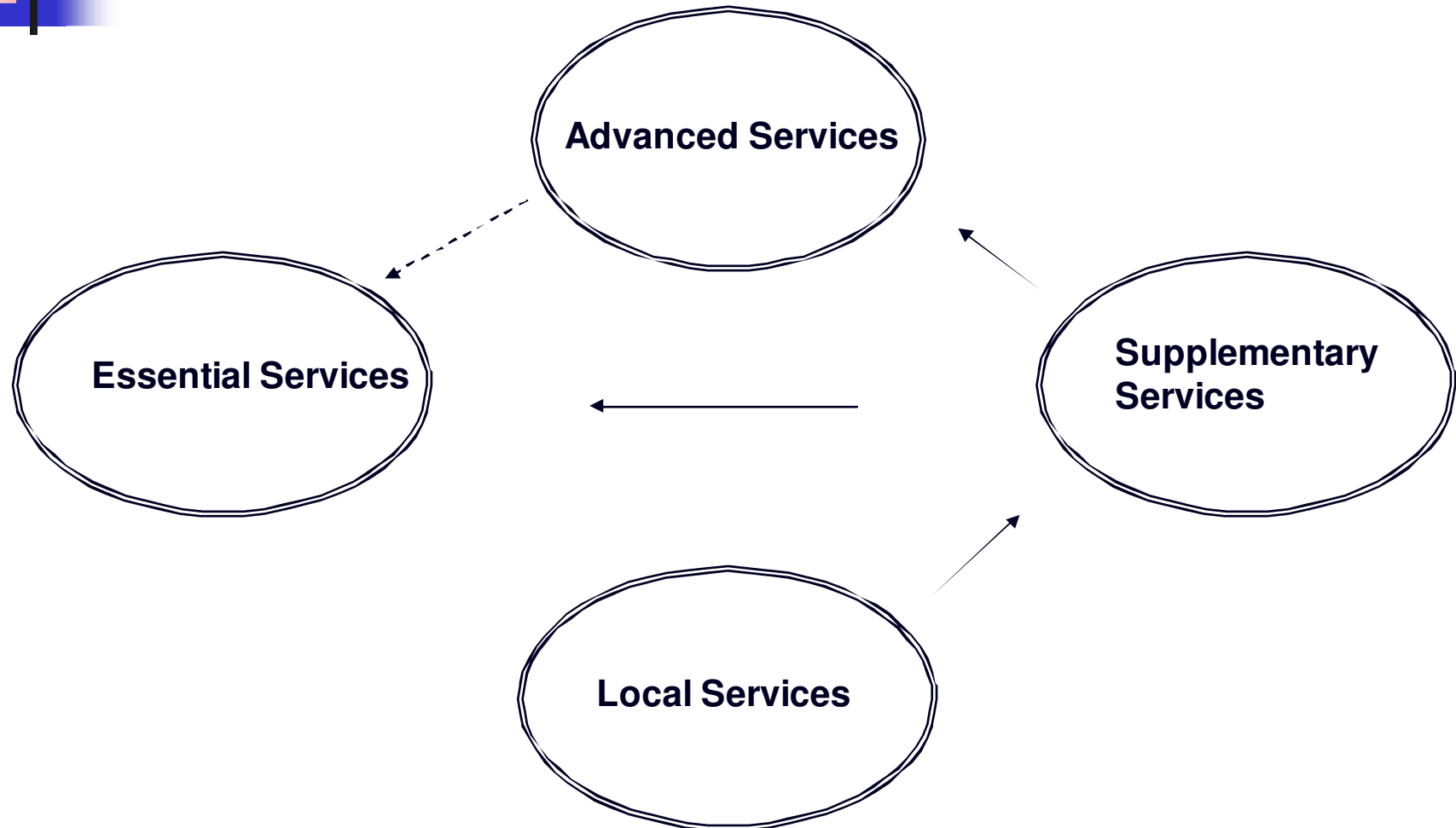


Supplementary PhS Services

- Methadone Supervision
- Clinical medication reviews
- Supplementary prescribing
- Needle exchange
- Palliative care
- Near patient testing
- Smoking cessation
- Minor ailment scheme
- Care home services
- Domiciliary assessment
- Out of hours services
- Patient group directions



A Dynamic Framework





NEXT STEP?
